



THE UNITED STATES  
COAST GUARD BAND  
Captain Kenneth W. Megan, Director



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# SPOTLIGHT

## ON THE COVER

Coast Guard Band Joins New York Philharmonic in July 4th Celebrations

This year the US Coast Guard Band had the distinct pleasure of joining the world famous New York Philharmonic in concerts on July 3rd and 4th at the Philharmonic's home of Avery Fischer Hall at Lincoln Center. To open this special pair of sold out concerts, Maestro Bramwell Tovey led the Philharmonic with Aaron Copland's *Four Dance Episodes from Rodeo* and followed by bringing principal trombonist and virtuoso Joe Alessi to the front of the stage to premiere the orchestral version of a trombone concerto entitled *Lincoln Tunnel Cabaret*, written by the conductor himself.

The Coast Guard Band opened the second half of the concerts with Captain Megan at the helm, performing John Philip Sousa's *The Glory of the Yankee Navy* and following with *Masque* by British composer Kenneth Hesketh. Captain Megan then chose to pay tribute to the City of New York and legendary conductor Leonard Bernstein (New York Philharmonic Music Director 1958-1969, Laureate Conductor 1969-1990) by performing selections from Bernstein's *Candide*.

The Philharmonic and Coast Guard Band concluded the concerts with a grand collaboration, joining forces to honor all past and present service members by performing the *Service Medley*, led by Captain Megan. Maestro Tovey continued the patriotic celebration by conducting the Sousa marches *Hands Across the Sea* and *The Liberty Bell*. The combined ensembles sent the enthusiastic audiences on their way with rousing renditions of *The Stars and Stripes Forever*, conducted first by Maestro Tovey, with Captain Megan returning to the podium to conduct a second encore performance.

These collaborative concerts were certain highlights of the the year for members of the Coast Guard Band and audiences alike. Being in one of the greatest cities in the world with two of the greatest ensembles in the world made for an unforgettable two days and was a perfect way to celebrate America's Independence Day.

## AWARDS

In May 2013, the members of the US Coast Guard Band who participated in the Deepwater Horizon clean-up efforts in the Gulf of Mexico were awarded citations for their meritorious service:

- **MUC Stephen Lamb** received the Coast Guard Commendation Medal
- **MUCS Jonathan Towne, MUCS Richard Denton, MUC Mark McCormick, MUC Gino Villarreal, MU1 Tom Brown, and MU1 Rob Holtorff** were presented Coast Guard Achievement medals
- **MU1 Carla Parodi** received the Commandant's Letter of Commendation

**Master Chief Musician Ginny Sturm** received the Coast Guard Commendation Medal in June 2013 for outstanding achievement as the Musician Rating Force Master Chief, the sole officially designated advocate for the MU rating in the Coast Guard.

In July 2013, **Chief Warrant Officer Richard Wyman** was presented the Coast Guard Commendation Medal for his outstanding service as the Band's Assistant Director. He led hundreds of performances worldwide, completed his doctorate in conducting (ABD) at the University of Connecticut, and served as the project manager for the renovation of Leamy Concert Hall.

In July 2013, **Chief Musician Elizabeth Jackson** received the Coast Guard Achievement Medal for eleven years of service. As principal flutist, she performed impeccably, leading the upper woodwind section with her radiant tone, exquisite phrasing, and exceptional intonation.

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*“Strike up the Band,” original painting by Bryan Snuffer.*

The Coast Guard Band was very happy to renew its traditional participation in the Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival on the shores of Lake Michigan and the Grand River. What began as a picnic for Coast Guard members in 1924 took on its official status as Coast Guard Festival beginning in 1937. Today the Festival encompasses a week of family-friendly activities including a carnival, concerts, memorial ceremony, parade, and fireworks.

On August 2 the Band was honored at the Coast Guard Festival with the unveiling of a newly commissioned painting, “Strike up the Band,” by Bryan Snuffer. The painting depicts **Captain Kenneth Megan** conducting; **MUC Kelly Watkins**, **MU1 Chris Lane**, and **MUCS Joel Flunker** on trumpet; and **MU1 Jeff Emerich** and **MUC Josh Thomas** on saxophone. You’ll notice that Coast Guard Academy cadet marching units are also portrayed.

**Captain Lewis J. Buckley, USCG ret.**, was also given special recognition honoring his 1981 composition of the march “Coast Guard City, USA.” The title refers to Grand Haven’s long cherished nickname, which was finally made official by a 1998 Act of Congress. The piece is performed whenever the Coast Guard Band visits Grand Haven, and this summer Captain Buckley was invited back to lead a definitive rendition.

The Coast Guard Band performed at several festival events including the National Memorial Ceremony remembering the fate of the first cutter Escanaba, sunk by a German torpedo in 1943 with the loss of all but two crew members, as well as all other Coast Guard men and women who have given their lives in service to our nation. The Escanaba was the first USCG Cutter home ported in Grand Haven and the annual ceremony takes place in the aptly named Escanaba Park. Another highlight of the Festival was the Coast Guard Band’s August 2 evening concert featuring marches, patriotic vocal arrangements, and a rousing set by the USCG Dixieland Band.

## CONCERT BAND

### A FAREWELL TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN KENNETH W. MEGAN

Sunday, September 1—2 p.m.  
Leamy Concert Hall

Join us in celebrating the career of Captain Megan as he performs his last concert after 38 years with the USCG Band. Members of the Band from throughout his career will join the current band in performance.

### NEW BEGINNINGS:

*LCDR Adam Williamson’s first concert as director of the USCG Band*

Sunday, October 6—2 p.m.  
Leamy Concert Hall

The U.S. Coast Guard Band performs their first concert under the direction of Lcdr Adam Williamson in a program that celebrates “firsts” and new beginnings.

### BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTES

Sunday, November 24—2 p.m.  
Leamy Concert Hall

Join the Coast Guard Band for a concert showcasing musical tributes and featuring a duet by **MUC Bonnie Denton**, euphonium, and **MU1 Matthew Muehl-Miller**, horn. Coast Guard Band vocalist **MU1 Megan Weikle** also performs works of Donizetti and Gilbert & Sullivan.

### HOLIDAY TRAVELER

Sunday, December 15—2 p.m.  
Leamy Concert Hall

**CWO4 Richard Wyman** conducts the USCG Band in a family focused concert as they celebrate the Winter Holidays with this musical trip to Spain, France, Russia, Africa, and of course America!

### HOLIDAYS WITH THE COAST GUARD BAND

Sunday, December 15—7:30 p.m.  
Leamy Concert Hall

Come celebrate with the Band as they perform classic holiday repertoire both old and new.

## CHAMBER ENSEMBLES

### TIME TRAVELER – MUSIC OF PÄRT, GOUNOD, AND MOZART

Sunday, September 15—2 p.m.  
Leamy Concert Hall

**CWO4 Richard Wyman** and **MUC Kelly Watkins** kick off our new season with a concert of chamber works for winds.

### BIG BAND JAZZ

Sunday, September 22—2 p.m.  
Leamy Concert Hall

By popular demand, the USCG Band Big Band returns with an exciting concert of Jazz. The program includes compositions and arrangements by Band arranger **MU1 Sean Nelson** and other ensemble members.

### WOODWIND QUINTET

Sunday, September 29—2 p.m.  
Leamy Concert Hall

The USCG Band woodwind quintet performs in recital, featuring compositions by Samuel Barber and Jean Françaix.

### RECITAL SERIES

Sunday, October 27—2 p.m.  
Sunday, December 8—2 p.m.  
Leamy Concert Hall

The virtuosi from the US Coast Guard Band continue their series of programs featuring solo and chamber works sure to entertain and challenge.

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*Unless otherwise noted, all performances are free and open to the public and no tickets are required. For more information about the Coast Guard Band, call our Concert Information Line, 860.701.6826, or visit [www.uscg.mil/band](http://www.uscg.mil/band).*